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Decision on permanent rule for clopyralid postponed

OLYMPIA – The state Department of Agriculture today extended by two weeks the adoption date for a rule that restricts the use of clopyralid, a herbicide that has been found to contaminate compost facilities and damage certain plants.

Officials are still examining several hundred comments received on plans to ban clopyralid for residential lawn and turf uses, but to allow exemptions for golf courses and certain other commercial uses. The proposed rule also makes clopyralid a “state restricted use” pesticide when labeled for use on lawns and turf, cereal grains and grass grown for hay.

A hearing was held April 23 to take public comment on options to deal with clopyralid and the permanent rule was to be adopted today. But with the large volume of public comments received, the adoption date now is slated for May 28 with the rule becoming effective on a permanent basis in late June. A temporary ban on the use of clopyralid on lawns has been in effect since March 1.

More information about this issue is available at www.wa.gov/agr and clicking on clopyralid.

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